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DAHLIAS



"FANTASTIQUE"

Ungoming Dablia Garden

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THE CULTURE OF DAHLIAS

The Dahlia is one of the easiest of all flowers to cultivate and will produce more flowers than any other plant grown, flowering all Summer and Fall if the simple cultural directions are followed closely. They can be grown in any good garden soil, but if possible plant in an open, sunny situation. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep in the Fall, if possible, and again in the Spring. Plant any time between May 10th and June 15th, digging holes six inches deep and from three to four feet apart. Then lay in the tuber flat on its side, the size of which makes no difference as long ts it has one strong eye or sprout. Cover three inches deep, thus leaving the hole one-half full, to be filled after plant comes up 6 to 8 inches above the ground.

Just as soon as the plants are up, the most important thing to do is to keep the soil loose and mellow by hoeing or cultivating once or twice a week and just as soon after each rain as the soil will permit. As soon as the buds appear stop all cultivation and give the beds a mulch of rotted manure, leaves, etc. Water the beds and plants thoroughly once or twice a week during the dry weather. Tie each plant to a strong stake so it may have a strong support. To have the greatest success is to keep them growing as strong and sturdy as possible. Never allow the faded flowers to remain on the plant, but cut them off with as much stem or stalk as you can. To have larger blooms it is necessary to disbud, leaving a stem aproximately 18 inches long. Dahlias will continue to bloom until a heavy frost kills the tops in late Fall, after which the tops are cut off and the roots are dug and stored in a frost-proof cellar or basement. Divide in the Spring after the eyes begin to show.

HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS

ATTRACTION—Large, perfect flowers of a beautiful clear lavender-pink. One of the best exhibition and cut flower varie-
ties from Holland\$1.50
BIANCA-A lovely shade of lavender-rose; very free flowering,
with strong stems. A fine cutting variety\$1.00
BREAK O' DAY-Large exhibition and cut flower variety.
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ETENDARD de Lyon—A beautiful shade of rose purple. Large. Good stems and lasting cut-flower
F. W. FELLOWS—English cactus. Color is a bright orange or terra-cotta. Immense flowers composed of long, narrow, straight petals. Stem stiff\$1.00
GEORGE WALTERS—This is a monster and the most satisfactory dahlia ever originated in California. Color is pinkish-salmon shading to gold
GLADYS SHERWOOD—The largest pure white dahlia ever created. A prize winner at all of the shows in 1921\$5.00
GEN. JOFFRE-English variety. Deep crimson, shaded dark.
Long, strong stems\$1.50
KALIF-A very large flower, bright scarlet. Long, strong stems
and most satisfactory\$1.00
LADY HELEN-A Stillman dahlia of exceptional merit. Color is
a mixture of carmine-rose and cream, with cream tips. Stock scarce
MT. SHASTA—A beautiful shell pink. Tall growing plant. Splendid for both exhibition and cutting
MRS. W. E .ESTES—New California dahlia. Pure white, with good stems. Large size\$2.00
MRS. EDNA SPENCER—An exquisite shade of orchid pink. Af most beautiful and lasting cut flower
MRS. WARNAAR-Fine Holland variety with good stems. Color
is a pale shade of pink
NIBELUNGENHORT-A large, free blooming flower on good
stem. Color old rose, tinged apricot\$1.00
RUTH GLEADELL-Soft yellow, shading to pink. Good stem,
large size, free blooming. From California\$1.00
RUTH VAN FLEET-Clear light canary yellow. Large flower
on long stem. One of the best\$3.00
RED CROSS—A beautiful combination of red and yellow\$2.50
TOM LUNDY-California variety, of the largest size. Color is
a bright crimson. Good stems\$1.00
WODAN—Exceptionally free in bloom. Large. Color salmon rose blending to old gold
YELLOW KING—A wonderful Holland variety. Chrome yel-
low. One of the best for cutting and exhibition\$1.00

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

AMY ROBSART—Received certificate of merit trial grounds,
Storrs, Conn., 1919. A large flower, deep coral with apricot
reverse \$3.50
CAROLYN WINTJEN-A new California variety. Free in
DREAM-Salmon with amber glow. A beauty\$1.00
bloom. Salmon pink with rose shadings\$2.50
DR. HARRY TEVIS-A California novelty of enormous size.
Salmon rose suffused with gold\$1.50
EDITH CAVELL-English paeony decorative. Enormous flow-
er. Old gold shaded to bronze\$5.00
FUTURITY—Large blossom of old rose. Very good\$1.00
HORTULANUS FIET-One of the best dahlias from Holland.
Beautiful shade of salmon pink\$1.50
INSULINDA-Imported from Holland, this dahlia is the best ever
interoduced. We consider it to be the acme of perfection.
Color is a rich golden orange, suffused with bronze and apricot
shadings. The immense flowers are born upright on long
stems stiff as a cane\$5.00
JOHN LEWIS CHILDS-A new fancy variety from California.
Color is yellow, suffused, splashed and striped scarlet and gen-
erally tipped white\$5.00
MRS. CARL SALBACH-New California, gold medal dahlia.
Large. Color marshmallow pink. Fine stems\$3.50
MRS. A. I. du PONT-Large ruby red flower, on good stem.
Early \$1.00
MILLIONAIRE—Lavender pink of immense size\$2.50
MRS. T. B. ACKERSON-Good cut-flower. Carmine shaded
yellow \$.75
MT. HOOD—Large size, pure white\$1.00
PINK PERFECTION—Pink sport of H. Fiet. Very fine\$2.00
POLAR STAR—English variety. Pure white. Free flowering
and very beautiful\$1.i0
PRINCESS PAT—A prize winning California variety of 1920.
Color is a beautiful shade of old rose\$2.50
STUNNER—Large clear canary yellow. One of the best. \$2.00
SHELIKOFF—Large deep flower. Color deep garnet\$2.50
SITKA—Beautiful shade of lavender pink. Large\$2.00
STARTLER—Very large flowers of a bright scarlet \$1.50
SULPHUREA—Sulphur yellow, with long petals throwing back
like a Japanese chrysanthemum. One of the best English
varieties \$1.50
SUNSHINE—A flaming red with golden tips; large artistic flower
on long stem. From California\$1.50

PÆONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS

SHUDOW'S LAVENDER—This is the great prize winning dahlia from California. Color silvery lavender slightly shading to white
WORLD'S WONDER—One of Stillman's best. Golden salmon, \$3.00
ALAN LOMA—Wax white. Good cut-flower\$1.00
BILLIONAIRE—Golden orange, immense. Pendant stem, \$2.50
CARL PURDY—Bright scarlet. Large and showy\$2.00
DIANA—Crimson with violet reflex. Large\$1.00
DR. PEARY—Very large. Dark mahogany\$1.00
FOREST LOMA—Cerise pink—blotched and streaked canary yellow. Very large
FANTASTIQUE—Maroon striped and tipped white. This is a new variety of orchid paeony
GEO. H. MASTICK—Dark maroon with current tips. Large. Beautiful and free blooming variety\$2.50
GEISHA—Scarlet and gold. Most showy flower in garden, \$1.25
KING ALBERT—A beautiful violet purple flower\$1.50
LAURA BARNES—Bright orange. A most beautiful variety, \$1.00
LATONA-Yellow tinged buff and lavender\$1.00
MRS. JESSIE SEAL-A beautiful Californian. Rose pink\$1.00
MAD. VARD—A French variety. Currant red\$1.00
MAD. BIJSTEIN—From Holland. Lavender blue\$1.00
NAIAD—Very large. Light pink\$1.00
PEARL RUGGLES—New California variety. One of the best. Carmine rose shading to light pink

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Twenty of the best named varieties. All colors.
Assorted at \$3.50 per dozen.

GENERAL COLLECTION OF DAHLIAS

ALBERT MANDA—Huge decorative, white shaded lemon and pink \$.75
AVALANCHE-Decorative, Good cut-flower, White \$.75
ANNY DOPENBERG-Paeony. Yellow \$.75
ACHIEVEMENT-Collarette. Maroon with yellow collar, \$.75
BERTHA VON SUTTNER—Paeony. Beautiful shade of pink, \$.75
$\label{eq:creation} \textbf{CREATION} \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \text{Paeony decorative.} \text{Cherry red.} \text{Very fine, $1.00}$
CRYSTAL—Cactus. Silvery pink. Fine English variety\$1.00
CHALLENGE—Decorative fancy. Yellow tipped scarlet., \$1.00
DUCHESS OF BRUNSWICK—Paeony. Apricot red shaded orange. Fine
DELICE-Decorative. One of the best known pink varieties for
cutting\$.50
GOLDEN WEST—Hybrid cactus. The best golden yellow cut flower
GLORY OF NIKERK—Paeony. Violet purple. Beautiful variety
J. H. JACKSON-Cactus. Dark crimsoin. Fine for cutting, \$.30
KING OF AUTUMN—Decorative but often comes single. Buff pink
LE GRAND MANITOU—Decorative. Best fancy. Pink mottled violet
MRS. C. H. BRECK—Hybrid cactus. Yellow suffused carmine, Fine
MINNEHAHA—Paeony. Light red, large flower on long stems, \$1.00
MRS. BRANDT—Incurved cactus of largest size. Golden yellow \$.75
MADONNA—English decorative. One of the best white varieties
MELODY-English incurved cactus. Yellow tipped white, \$1.00
PIERROT—Cactus. Incurved of large size. Amber, tips white, \$1.00

PAUL BONYON—Decorative. Golden pink. Large and free in bloom
PINK GEM—Decorative. Medium size pink, good cut-flower, \$.50
ROSE GEM—Paeony decorative. Fine cut-flower. Rose pink, \$.75
RUTH ROLAND—Decorative. Yellow shaded pink. Fine Cut-flower
ROSALIE JONES—Hybrid cactus. The best large pure yellow, \$1.00
SPRINGFIELD—Cactus. An improved Countess of Lonsdale. Salmon \$.50
STAR OF WASHINGTON—Decorative. A fine pink cut-flower, .\$.75
SWEETBRIAR—Cactus. Beautiful incurved rose pink of large size
VALIANT—Incurved cactus. Huge flowers of bright scarlet, \$1.50
VULCAN—Incurved cactus. A very large flower of dark crimson
VICAR OF WASPERTON—Incurved cactus from England. Light pink
WOLFGANG VON GOETHE—Cactus. Large rich apricot. Very fine\$1.00
W. W. RAWSON-Show. Large, white overlaid amethyst, \$.50
GRAMPION—Decorative. Crimson\$1.00
JOFFRE—Pink. Decorative
JACK LONDON—Red\$1.50
IVORY WHITE—Cactus
PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA—Decorative. Red\$1.00
AZALEA—Decorative. Yellow, tinged pink\$1.00
CAMBRIAN-Incurved cactus. Pink\$1.00
F. EARL JAMES-Hybrid cactus. Cerise pink\$2.50
FAUST—Paeony. Morocco red

The prices quoted in this list are for fieldgrown, sprouted tubers; guaranteed true to name.

I do not send out any plants, cuttings or dormant stock.

When selection of varieties are left to me, I will furnish collections at \$5, \$10 and \$15 per dozen, and give extra value in this way.

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Choice named varieties and finest mixed; in first size corms, at reasonable prices.